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American Legion Post 118 in Gardiner, Mont., places flags at veterans' graves and conducts an annual Memorial Day ceremony at Gardiner Cemetery in Yellowstone National Park. The cemetery dates to the 1880s. Photo by Lucas Carter

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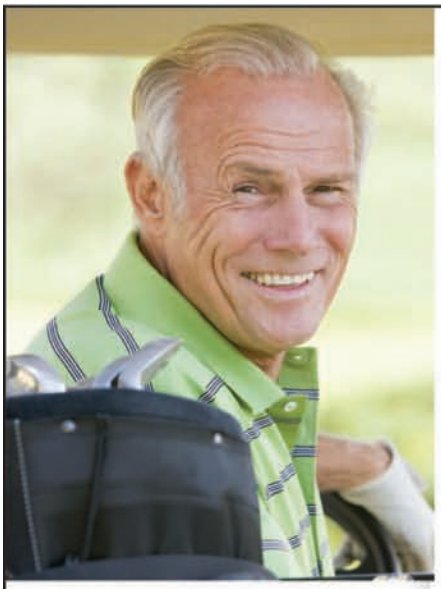

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'Growing Veterans'

I can relate to Ken Olsen's article (March) in a very personal way. Within a year of returning from my service in Vietnam with the Big Red One, I married and began to raise a family. Then the wheels started coming off with bad dreams. I didn't know what was happening and certainly knew nothing of PTSD. I sought help from a doctor who took me back to my childhood, but was unsuccessful at finding what was at the heart of the problem.

My Italian grandmother, who had always raised a garden, asked if I would like a few tomato plants. I was reluctant at first, but I planted them and was on my way to healing. It grounded me. Today, 50-plus years later, I still raise vegetables and have ventured into hybridizing daylilies. There's a sense of peace and satisfaction.

I offer my congratulations to Chris Brown and the team at Growing Veterans. They're doing wonderful work.

– Blair T. Smoulder, Warren, Pa.

I was "tickled green" to see this article. In 1996, I created a community garden in Cleveland with a veterans memorial area. I tried early on through the Wade Park VA to ask other veterans to join in, but it ignored my requests. For 21 years, I persevered in this gardening program and handed the reins over last summer. We received city awards several times, and I'm glad to say it's still going strong.

I know that dirt therapy works well, and I also do sewing therapy. Stabbing a needle into fabric is therapeutic. Too bad our hospitals don't offer that, too.

– Janice Lascko, Cleveland

'A Lifetime of Healing'

I enjoyed the article on Father Phil Salois (March). A Navy veteran during the Vietnam War, I grew up in Attleboro, Mass., and visited the La Salette shrine many times. Father Phil is an inspiration to all veterans, as he kept his word to God.

– Gary A. Pouliot, Attleboro, Mass.

In addition to his many other offices, Father Phil is national chaplain of Vietnam Veterans of America, and I have met him at two VVA national conventions. He is a most remarkable man with a most remarkable story, and I feel all the richer for having encountered him.

– Timothy M. Siggia, East Hartford, Conn.

Benefits for Guard and reserves

I am a retired command chief master sergeant for the Air Force Reserve, 30 years removed, and still see issues of discrimination persist for members of the Guard and reserve. I filed for education benefits from VA in 1970, and VA's response was that I was ineligible because my orders said active duty for training, although I was in and out of Vietnam between 1966 and 1975.

After 38 years and much frustration and aggravation, I finally got VA to provide disability for my prostate cancer, but it took a congressman and a sharp county veterans service officer to break the logjam.

When I served at Air Force Reserve headquarters as the sixth command chief, I decided to correct this injustice and made contact with numerous congressional delegations and representatives, to no avail. Although our outgoing president and Congress made reserve and Guard members "veterans," it has had no bearing with VA bureaucrats.

Somehow and some way, Congress needs to pass a bill that will include members of the Guard and reserve as veterans for VA benefits, regardless of the length of tour or verbiage in their orders.

– Richard E. Russell, Crestview, Fla.

When George Washington was assembling his army, he had no standing force with which to begin. Militias were put together from various colonies, and these volunteers had lives that dictated the length of their service. Though some had to leave at planting time or harvest time, many stayed on. The sacrifices were great and the reward was even greater. We have a great nation founded on freedoms citizens of no other nation can claim. Washington did his best to ensure that every volunteer was rewarded for his or her service to our fledgling nation.

In the 21st century, we have left that behind. So many do not know the sacrifice of being in the reserve or Guard. When our nation calls, these young patriots are quick to respond. They ask only to be treated the same as their fellow servicemembers. I feel it is time for a change.

If a young man or woman joins the National Guard or reserve force, he or she should be eligible for full benefits after one year of affiliation with a unit. This means 100 percent GI Bill for everything. On the active side, all of the GI Bill should be theirs from the day they report to recruit training.

It will cost money, but if I had to choose between wasting money on a testament to man's stupidity or showing our young servicemembers that we are committed to taking care of them, the choice is easy.

– James Dawson, Elwood, Ind.

'A Heart for The American Legion'

I have read and reread Jeff Stoffer's article about Jeremy Ehart and his wife Kristy (February). I am with Alamo Detachment 315 of the Marine Corps League in San Antonio, and we have a program that tries to assist wounded Marines and Navy corpsmen who are patients at Brooke Army Medical Center.

My wife Shirley and I visited with Jeremy and Kristy several times while he was recovering from his burns. We spent several hours talking to Kristy about what they needed and how we could help them. They said that what they really wanted was a Bible for each of them to read. We went out and purchased each of them a white Bible.

I am glad to see both of them are doing so well after Jeremy's accident. I always wonder how those who have been patients at Brooke are doing now, and hope they and their families are getting the support they need.

– Robert Otto, San Antonio

Youth Police Camp

Thank you for the article by Steve Brooks (Rapid Fire, March) about this program. It seems clear to me that adapting this program for high schools across the country would teach obvious lessons about the nature and importance of law enforcement, the kinds of careers it offers, respect for police, and how police support communities. It should make recruitment of police officers easier.

– Paul Kessler, Notre Dame, Ind.

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Groberg received the Medal of Honor for intercepting a suicide bomber in Afghanistan on Aug. 8, 2012, an attack that killed those four men.

"For the rest of my life, I made a dedication that I would live for them," Groberg said. "I would live for their families. I would wake up every single day and do whatever I can to earn that right to be on this earth, that I earn the right to wear this medal around my neck that does not belong to me. It belongs to my brothers who never came home. It belongs to their families. It belongs to you. It belongs to the United States of America, our flag and every individual – military and otherwise – who put their lives on the line."

One does not have to wear the nation's highest award for valor to properly honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice so others could live in freedom. In fact, the entire American Legion Family is asking all Americans to honor these heroes on National Poppy Day, May 26, 2017.

We encourage all veterans, servicemembers and patriotic citizens to wear or display a poppy on National Poppy Day to remember our fallen and support the living. National Poppy Day, of which the Boeing Co. is a premier sponsor this year, broadens a tradition that began in 1920, when the poppy became an official flower of the Legion Family.

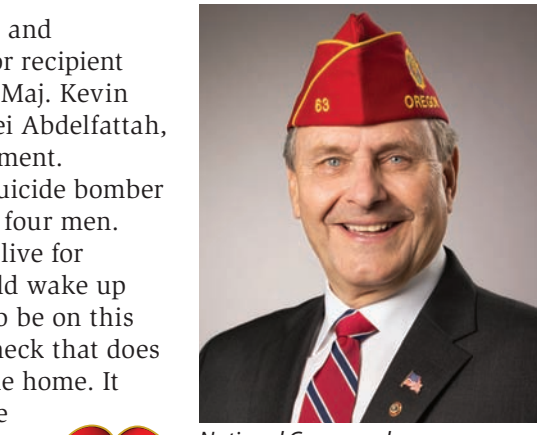
Just like the Legion, the history of the poppy as a symbol dates back nearly a century. In the aftermath of the Great War, the flower flourished in Europe and came to represent the sacrifices made by U.S. troops and millions of others who struck a blow to tyranny.

Since that time, the American Legion Auxiliary has become known for its work distributing poppies, as a way to remember our nation's fallen and raise funds to help veterans and active-duty military personnel with medical and financial needs. This year we ask the entire American Legion Family to expand these efforts by promoting National Poppy Day in communities across the country.

The Legion has outlined several ways that Legion Family members can engage their local communities, generate media attention, and raise money for programs that provide lifelong support to servicemembers, veterans and their families. Go to **www.legion.org/poppyday** for a full guide to how you can get involved in National Poppy Day.

By wearing poppies on May 26, we honor every U.S. servicemember who has given his or her life in the name of liberty, freedom and democracy. At the same time, by wearing this simple red flower, we show our support for veterans of generations to come.

Florent Groberg will be wearing a poppy to honor his friends. I will be wearing one to honor some heroes who are special to me. Who will you honor by wearing a poppy?



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RANDY KEMP

It was a simple question: When's the parade?

For years, members of Gallatin American Legion Post 14 in Bozeman, Mont., had led an annual Memorial Day ceremony at an area cemetery. But in 2010, a local resident's appetite for a bigger observance inspired them to restart a parade after a 30-year hiatus.

Post 14 Adjutant Mark "Randy" Kemp led the effort to resurrect and sponsor the event. Now, every Memorial Day, up to 10,000 onlookers jam the sidewalks, which are lined with 84 U.S. flags set up by post members earlier in the day.

"They are cheering and hats are coming off when the colors go by," Kemp says. "It's changed the community's patriotism ... 5- and 6-year-old children seeing their dads with their hands over their hearts as the flag goes by, or saluting the flags or taking their caps off. That's telling these kids that this is a special day. And Memorial Day is a special day."

Meanwhile, Post 14 continues to organize the Memorial Day ceremony, in addition to placing 2,500 flags at veterans' gravesites.

"I knew a lot of those veterans," says Kemp, a Bozeman native. "I grew up with some of them. Those men and women who have passed on before me – that's what makes me want to continue to do this. I'm doing it for them."

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The Affordable Care Act, aka Obamacare, is failing. Premiums are rising, insurers are fleeing, and patients across the country are feeling the weight of a health-care market that is collapsing on top of them. Oregonians, including many veterans, tell me troubling stories about how this law has negatively affected them.

I have listened as owners of small businesses described having to choose between paying ever-increasing premiums for health insurance for their workers or reducing shifts and shrinking their workforce. One veteran in my district shared the dismay he felt after his wife's company began cutting hours to shield its bottom line from the burdens of this law. At the time, his wife's job was their sole source of income and the new law threatened to deal a crushing blow to their household finances.

We were told the health-care exchanges set up under the law would give patients more choices at lower costs. On the contrary, people in one-third of all U.S. counties will have just the Obamacare insurer "option" in 2017.

Mandates and tax penalties were supposed to force young, healthy Americans into the health exchanges and drive down costs in the insurance marketplace. Yet the marketplace is collapsing throughout the country as these very young people take a pass and the high costs of those plans reach unsustainable levels.

We must rebuild our health-care system in a way that puts patients and their doctors in the driver's seat without a federal bureaucrat sitting between them. By implementing patient-centered reforms, we will provide all Americans with more choices, more control, and greater access to quality and affordable health care.

THE HEART OF THE ISSUE

While the Affordable Care Act has helped many Americans obtain health insurance, critics point to the tax increases, higher deductibles and higher insurance premiums needed to pay for it.

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) has improved access to quality health care for veterans across the nation. While we have a lot more work to do to ensure that all veterans have access to health care, Republican efforts to repeal the ACA would lead to millions of veterans either losing the coverage they've gained or paying more for less.

Since the ACA went into effect in 2013, the uninsured rate among non-elderly veterans has decreased by 42 percent nationwide. During this same period, veterans reported a reduction in unmet health needs, which suggests that expanded insurance coverage under the ACA has led to improved access to care.

The basic benefits to which all Americans, including veterans, now have access is better than before the ACA. Plans cover important preventive services – such as flu shots, cancer screenings and depression screenings – at no extra cost. Veterans no longer have to fear discrimination or the possibility of huge price hikes because of pre-existing conditions. All these benefits would go away if Republicans repeal the ACA.

The ACA also expanded Medicaid to provide health insurance to millions of newly eligible middle- and low-income Americans. This expansion has been tremendously successful. Today, more than half a million previously uninsured veterans – and many of their spouses – have health insurance. These numbers would be even higher today if 19 additional states had chosen to participate in Medicaid expansion.

If Republicans were serious about improving our health-care system, they would join us in strengthening the ACA, not dismantling the health security of millions of Americans.

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Advances in dentistry aside, Americans need to limit sugar for optimal oral health.

BY MARTIN SAYERS

Americans are famous for having good teeth. Few countries take dental health as seriously as the United States, and the result is a nation that's rightly proud of its smiles.

This is no accident. Since the 1950s, when fluoride toothpaste was first introduced, there has been a focus on preventive treatment and oral health issues, which has driven down the incidence of dental decay. Early-detection rates of decay have improved steadily, making treatment easier and more effective.

Recent years have seen the introduction of digital X-rays, which allow dentists to accurately diagnose and treat dental problems that weren't always spotted in routine examinations. Digital X-rays are easily administered in a dental office and use little radiation.

Other advances include tooth-colored fillings, stronger ceramic crowns and dental implants that fuse into the jaw to replace lost teeth.

The dentist's drill may even become a thing of the past, thanks to advances in laser dentistry. When used in place of a pneumatic drill, lasers can reduce the pain, symptoms and recovery time associated with traditional therapies. They also lower the amount of bacteria in diseased gum tissue and tooth cavities, and help control bleeding during surgery. At present, lasers are prohibitively expensive for many dentists' offices, but this could change as the technology improves.

Despite scientific advances, there is still the problem of apathy among patients. According to a recent survey, 23 percent of Americans admit to going two or more days without brushing their teeth, while four out of 10 say they fail to visit a dentist regularly.

Corbin Brady, a dentist at Brady Dental Care in Des Moines, Iowa, says that what we eat can also be a problem, with our sugar-rich diets causing much tooth decay.

"Patients sipping on energy drinks, soda or juice all day will have a tough time," Brady says. "In these cases, brushing your teeth may not be enough because the damage has already been done. The sugar is fuel for bad bacteria to take over and start producing acids to break down your teeth. So although America's dental health has certainly improved, continued improvement is still very much needed."

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There's a virus out there that hasn't been talked about much, and you may not have heard about it. A virus that's serious, like HIV. **It's hepatitis C (Hep C).** Hep C can hide in your body for years, even decades, without causing any symptoms. But if left untreated, Hep C can cause liver damage and even lead to liver cancer.

Vietnam Veterans, especially those born 1945–1965, are at high risk for having Hep C. Many could have been exposed to Hep C due to unsterile vaccination procedures, or by coming into contact with contaminated blood during combat. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs recommends all veterans born 1945–1965 get tested for Hep C.

The good news is: **if you have Hep C, it can be cured**. Ask your healthcare provider at your next appointment to be tested for Hep C. It's the only way to know for sure.

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SNEEZY
spring and summer

A mild and wet winter, with long stretches of unseasonably high temperatures, has led to high pollen counts in much of the United States.

As Louisville ABC affiliate WHAS reports, Atlanta had mid-March levels of pollen in February. Additionally, parts of Texas, North Carolina, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Georgia have had high levels of tree pollen.

Yasmin Bhasin, an allergist at Allergy and Asthma Care in New York, told WHAS that the warm, wet winter will likely translate into worse allergies this year for many Americans.

"Allergy season is directly in relation to how much it has rained and snowed," she explained. The shorter winter and warmer temperatures trigger trees "to grow and flourish and pollinate" earlier in the spring. That sends more pollen into the air.

Allergy sufferers in areas with oak, maple, birch and elm trees should brace for the worst this year.

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TOP TIPS FOR HEALTHY TEETH

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- **Stop smoking.** Smoking is bad news for your oral health. It can cause staining, tooth loss and mouth cancer, and make gum disease worse. If you do smoke, it's advisable to see a dentist more often, but the best advice is to simply give it up.
- **Watch what you eat.** Sugary food and drinks cause decay, so cutting down will help your teeth a lot. Choosing water to drink and foods such as cheese, fruit, nuts and vegetables is better for your teeth. Diets rich in fruit and vegetables also help prevent gum disease and protect against mouth cancer.
- **Brush properly.** You must brush your teeth with a fluoride toothpaste for about two minutes every day, ideally when you get up and just before you go to bed. Remember to brush the inside surfaces, outside surfaces and chewing surfaces of your teeth. Try to wait an hour after meals before you brush because eating and drinking naturally weaken the enamel on your teeth. Brushing right afterward can cause tiny particles of enamel to be brushed away.
- **Floss daily.** Using dental floss dislodges food wedged between your teeth, which brushing may miss. Regular flossing can also reduce gum disease and bad breath by removing plaque that forms along the gum line. It's best to floss before brushing your teeth.
- **Visit your dentist regularly.** Seeing your dentist on a regular basis is vital. Dentists can spot problems early on – when treatment is likely to be simpler and more affordable – as well as prevent problems from developing in the first place.

Med trackers

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Keeping track of multiple medications can be a chore, and failing to do so can be deadly. According to WebMD, an estimated 125,000 people die each year because they don't take their prescribed drugs. To avoid mistakes, the website has shared news on three new high-tech pill trackers:

- **Medisafe iConnect** couples a free app with the user's choice of two devices: the iCap, a Bluetooth-enabled pill-bottle cap that the user swaps with the original bottle cap, or the iSort, a pill organizer that also uses Bluetooth. "Both devices track when you open your container, and they transmit that info to the Medisafe app on your smartphone. If you can't remember whether you've taken a pill, check the app, and it will tell you the date and time you last took a dose."
- The **Tricella Pillbox** has many of the same features as the iSort. Bluetooth connects the pillbox to an app that "tracks when you pop open the container, and it shares that info with your caregivers and physician." It will also send alerts if the device detects that you may have taken the wrong dose.
- The **PillDrill** tracks the user's pill-taking habits, alerts the user when it's time to take a dose, and keeps the user's caregivers, pharmacists and doctors informed. But instead of relying solely on an app that some people might find difficult to use, the PillDrill uses a Wi-Fi-enabled hub that tracks drug usage through sensors on each container. "Whenever you take a pill, you wave the container over the hub, and it records your action."

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Antietam National Battlefield, Maryland National Park Service

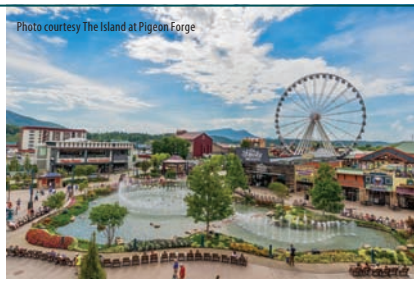
BY LYN METTLER

Few experiences are more poignant than standing on the hallowed ground where our ancestors fought and died to protect our freedoms. Walking U.S. battlefields is on the "bucket list" of many Americans. It's also an opportunity to honor the sacrifices that built our great nation. Here are a few battlefield sites with nearby activities to help turn your visit into a vacation:

GETTYSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK Site of the Civil War's bloodiest battle, Gettysburg National Military Park in Pennsylvania is also the home of the first U.S. national cemetery and the final resting place of 3,500 Union soldiers. There are 1,300 monuments and markers to see – by car, bus, bike, horseback, on foot or even by Segway – making it one of the largest collections of outdoor sculptures in the world. Tucked into one of the nation's largest apple-growing regions, Gettysburg has several orchards, wineries and cideries to enjoy as well. Make time to see the Eisenhower National Historic Site, a farm that was the only home ever owned by the president; its annual World War II Weekend is Sept. 16-17.

ANTIETAM NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD While Gettysburg may be the deadliest Civil War battle, Antietam is the bloodiest single-day battle in U.S. history with 23,000 soldiers killed, wounded or listed as missing in just 12 hours on Sept. 17, 1862. Located in western Maryland, about an hour and a half from Washington, D.C., Antietam invites visitors to see the rebuilt Dunker Church, used as a temporary medical aid station; the Pry House Field Hospital Museum, which served as headquarters for Union Gen. George McClellan during the battle and was visited by President Lincoln; and the national cemetery where many dead were buried.

Consider a visit to Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg, Tenn., this year to support local tourism after wildfires swept through the area last fall. Check out the new Alcatraz East Crime Museum (military receive a $6 discount on tickets), which has John Wayne Gacy's clown suits along with the white Ford Bronco made famous in the chase of O.J. Simpson. Consider a stay at the Margaritaville Island Hotel (whose motto is "mountain latitude, island attitude") at the popular Island entertainment district, sample some moonshine at Ole Smoky Distillery, and enjoy a hike in Great Smoky Mountains National Park.



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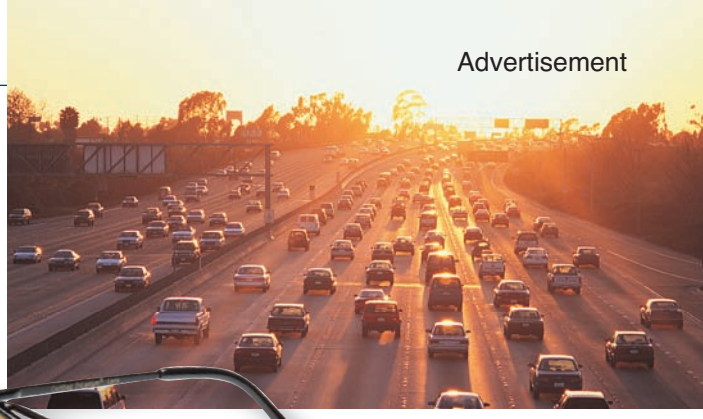

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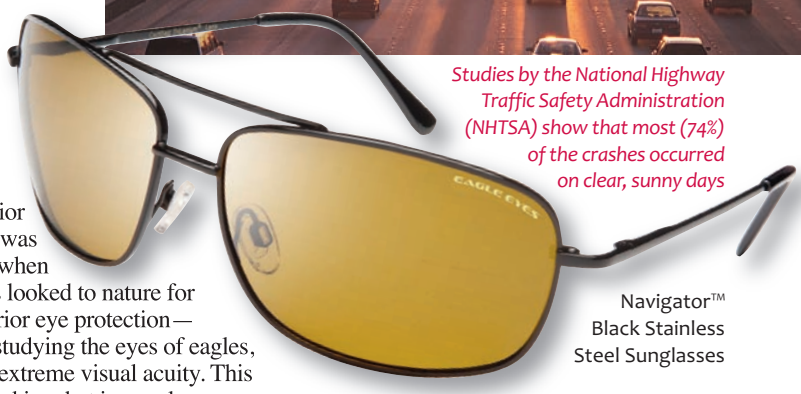

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THE ALAMO A point of pride for Texans, the Alamo in San Antonio is where Davy Crockett fought valiantly against Mexican troops to secure Texas' independence in 1836. Visitors can tour the original fort, visit the church, see where Col. William B. Travis spent his final moments, and stand where Crockett stood. There is also a living history encampment with different period demonstrations, talks from on-site interpreters and a museum dedicated to the Alamo's history. San Antonio has plenty for all ages to do and see, from its zoo and famous River Walk to four historic Spanish missions.

FORT SUMTER NATIONAL MONUMENT The first shot of the Civil War was fired in 1861 just outside Charleston, S.C., at Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor. Visit the fort by boat from Charleston or Mount Pleasant, where you can catch a beautiful view of its historic downtown from the water and even spot a dolphin or two. It can be quite hot on summer days, so aim for early-morning tours. At the fort, you can explore the grounds, take a look at on-site cannons and tour the museum. Don't miss the Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum, home of the World War II aircraft carrier USS *Yorktown*.

YORKTOWN BATTLEFIELD Part of Colonial National Historical Park in Virginia, this battlefield is the site of the last major battle of the Revolutionary War, and where Gen. George Washington led his troops. Visitors can explore it by car or bike, and see the house where surrender negotiations took place. Other attractions include the ruins of an 18th-century pottery manufacturing site and Historic Jamestowne, home of Capt. John Smith and Pocahontas and the first permanent English settlement in North America. Leave time to drive the scenic 23-mile Colonial Parkway, which takes visitors through Colonial Williamsburg, the restored 18th-century town.

BUNKER HILL MONUMENT Outside Boston in Charlestown is the site of the Battle of Bunker Hill, fought in September 1775. Though it lasted only two hours, more than 1,000 were killed or wounded. The obelisk monument was completed in 1842, and visitors can climb its 294 steps for a panoramic view of Boston (there is no elevator). The monument is part of the 43-acre Boston National Historical Park that includes parts of downtown Boston, Charlestown and South Boston. Other highlights include Old South Meeting House, a meeting place for colonists; the Old State House, where the Declaration of Independence was read July 18, 1776; the Paul Revere House and Old North Church, where Revere had two lanterns hung from the steeple; and the War of 1812's USS *Constitution*, known as "Old Ironsides."

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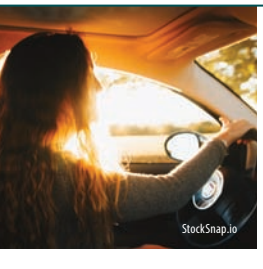

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Reserve, Guard retirees win vet status

BY TOM PHILPOTT

Retired Army Reserve Command Sgt. Maj. Doug Gibbens served for 35 years and obeyed every lawful order given to him. But because he had never served 180 days or more consecutively on active duty, he was not entitled to be called a veteran. Until now.

Gibbens and about 200,000 other reserve and Guard retirees gained honorary veteran status in the eyes of the federal government Dec. 16, with enactment of the Jeff Miller and Richard Blumenthal Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2016 (H.R. 6416).

U.S. Air Force photo

Section 305 of the law states that any person entitled under Chapter 1223, Title 10, U.S. Code to "retired pay for nonregular service or, but for age, would be entitled under such chapter to retired pay for nonregular service, shall be honored as a veteran but shall not be entitled to any benefit by reason of this honor."

What, then, did Gibbens and other reserve retirees gain? What they had pressed Congress for over decades, he said.

"I can't speak for all," Gibbens said. "But the majority of us were not looking for anything beyond the right to call ourselves veterans, and to be recognized as veterans at any event where they say, 'Will all veterans stand and be recognized?' We can do so with a good conscience now."

The honor is limited. Most reserve and Guard members, after all, don't serve long enough to retire. They still cannot be called veterans unless they have a qualifying period of active duty under Title 10 orders, which typically means 180 days or longer of consecutive service but always results in a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, or DD 214.

Years attending monthly drills and annual periods of active duty for training aren't enough to gain veteran status. But now, honorary veteran status is allowed if a reserve-component member serves 20 good years, enough to retire.

Gibbens, 75, learned that drill status alone did not make for a veteran during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm in 1990-1991. For the first time since the Korean War, large numbers of reserve forces, roughly 250,000, deployed to the Persian Gulf under mobilization orders.

"Most of those men and women came back and were entitled to be called veterans," Gibbens said. "But those of us who were still serving and had not been deployed were not entitled."

Many of the first activations were for periods short of 180 days, but they were still formal Title 10 federal orders and resulted in DD 214s.

The proportion of reserve personnel who gained veteran status through mobilization spiked after 9/11, with hundreds of thousands deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan or elsewhere.

The American Legion and other veterans service organizations urged support for bills to bestow veteran status on reserve and Guard members who completed full careers and qualified for retirement. In the past four Congresses, the bill failed as lawmakers argued privately that even honorary veteran status would evolve over time into full veteran status and additional VA entitlements.

Sponsors of such bills, including Rep. Tim Walz, D-Minn., and Sen. John Boozman, R-Ark., recently added language that specifically barred any new entitlements to ensure the legislation remained cost-neutral. And affected reservists like Gibbens, who is an Army Reserve ambassador emeritus and life member of the Legion, continually urged approval of the modified bill.

Today he is satisfied, and grateful.

"We aren't looking to call ourselves combat veterans," Gibbens said. "I'm very aware of the distinction between someone who served in combat versus a non-combat role." Nor were he and most other supporters looking for VA benefits.

"It was a matter of pride," he added. "We served. We wore the uniform. But we couldn't technically call ourselves veterans."

Now, finally, they can.

Tom Philpott has been covering military personnel and veterans issues for nearly 40 years.

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The "Spirit Talker" statue near Lawton, Okla., honors Comanches whose native language confused enemy code breakers in both world wars. Photo by Clay Lomneth

THE WARRIOR SPIRIT

Comanche Nation honors those who fought, died and never completely left.

BY JEFF STOFFER

Outside the Comanche Nation Tribal Complex nine miles north of Lawton, Okla., 14 warriors who lost their lives, went missing in action or were taken prisoner while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces are honored by a circular array of stone monuments.

Here can be found the engraved name of Army Staff Sgt. Bruce Wayne Klinekole, who survived the Bataan Death March and more than 1,200 days as a captive of the Japanese before he was liberated at the end of World War II. Near his place in the Comanche War Scouts Circle of Honor are tributes to two 82nd Airborne paratroopers of the Normandy invasion: Cpl. Johnnie Rivas and Sgt. Melvin "Hawkeye" Myers. Rivas parachuted behind enemy lines in the early-morning darkness of June 6, 1944, ahead of the D-Day beach landings, before a direct hit from an 88 mm artillery round ended his life, making him the first known Comanche to die fighting for the U.S. military. Myers was second, killed days later after saving the life of a fellow wounded soldier near Ste. Mère-Église.

The War Scouts Circle of Honor outside the Comanche Nation Tribal Complex pays tribute to those who were taken prisoner, went missing or were killed fighting while serving in the nation's armed forces. Photo by Jeff Stoffer

Another stone pays homage to Army Cpl. Dennis King Karty, who was wounded multiple times while resisting captivity by the Red Army before finally dying after more than two years as a prisoner in the Korean War.

Marine Cpl. Joshua Ware, the newest addition to the circle, lost his life in a firefight with insurgents near the Syrian border on Nov. 16, 2005, during his second tour of duty in Operation Iraqi Freedom. His monument reads: "Will forever be 20 years old."

To the Comanche, these and other names etched in the Circle of Honor are not simply immortalized. They are immortal. "A warrior never dies," says Lenn Sovo, a Vietnam War veteran and member of American Legion Post 306 in Fletcher, whose Comanche lineage includes seven Tu-wee war chiefs dating back to the early 1700s. "He comes back as a spirit."

Sovo has felt, seen and drawn courage from ancestors at various moments of his life, military and otherwise. He remembers in particular their presence when he was a young Army tank commander leading a platoon in the latter stages of the Vietnam War. "You felt that death was tugging at you all the time. There's a bullet out there somewhere … an armor seeker that wants to put you on fire. The little skirmishes we did get in, I didn't get as scared as what I should have, because you could feel – even though you were in that tank – that outside were my other warriors, and they were going to help. You drew on that."

One of the men in his unit, Sovo explains, was a young white tanker from Kansas. He reported with astonishment to 2nd Lt. Sovo that he had seen an Indian ghost on a horse charging ahead of them during a night patrol. "He was very earnest about relaying that to me," Sovo says. "I said, 'My warriors are here with us.'"

The Comanche Nation emerged at some foggy point in the 17th century, an aggregation of people from various tribes of the Great Plains and Intermountain West. Common threads were a distinct language (this would come in handy in the world wars); superior horsemanship, including an uncanny ability to hunt, fight and fire arrows while mounted at full gallop; and great planning, stealth and awareness, night or

"You are pulled to be a warrior. You are called ... When you're asked to perform something, and you're a Comanche, you don't step back."

Lenn Sovo, *a Vietnam War veteran and member of American Legion Post 306 in Fletcher, Okla., who says he has felt the presence of warriors past on many occasions.* Photo by Clay Lomneth

day, whether they were raiding the camp of an opposing tribe or battling the U.S. Cavalry on a harsh, arid landscape roughly the size of Afghanistan. They were, by most accounts, brilliant war strategists, who knew when to strike and how, and when to get out and how. In the majority of their conflicts, they generally came away with most of their enemies' horses while their foes were left to consider how the hell to survive in the desert heat on foot without food or water. Comanche warriors could travel 100 miles or more without stopping after a battle, often with hundreds more horses than they had before, by moonlight.

The Comanches spent nearly two centuries in continuous combat to control a buffalo-rich terrain that stretched from the northern High Plains and included what today is most of Texas and Oklahoma, as well as portions of New Mexico, Colorado, Arkansas and Kansas. They dwelled, hunted and occupied a swath of the continent from the Canadian border south into Mexico. Their primary domain was dubbed "Comancheria," and they defended it viciously against all challengers: the Spanish, other tribes, white settlers, the U.S. Cavalry, the Texas Rangers, itinerant bison hunters and anyone else who dared probe into their ancestral grounds. They became known, as a sign at the tribal complex reads, as "Lords of the Southern Plains."

Thus the Comanche culture, even today, is built on a warrior spirit. The spirit is honored and exercised through service in the modern U.S. military and expressed in dance, art, regalia, ceremonies and a spirituality that reaches deep into a mystique-filled past.

In his *New York Times* best-seller "Empire of the Summer Moon," which details the rise of the Comanches, their resistance to reservation life and eventual integration into U.S. society, author S.C. Gwynne put their particular style of warfare this way: "No American or Texan on a work plug could ever be a match ... The Comanches had been fighting this way for 200 years. They engaged in this sort of combat as a way of life, against lethal and highly mobile opponents. War was what they did, and all of their social status was based on it."

"That's why I joined the military," says Baliente Herrera, a Comanche Army veteran who served in Iraq in 2003 and 2004. "The only way you're going to war is if you join the military. I wanted the opportunity of my grandfathers. Their grandfathers all did it. Some men grow up to become warriors."

Edmond Nevaquaya, a member of the Comanche Nation's Native American Church, says the spirit that shaped the identity of his people "has always been talked about in history. Our people have always been warrior people. It was not just to go out and make war. The main livelihood was the protection of our people."

There is both irony and symmetry that the Comanches, who frustrated U.S. military efforts to carve pathways of manifest destiny in the middle of the 19th century, went on to become patriotic members of that military in the 20th. "A lot of our people who went to war went voluntarily because

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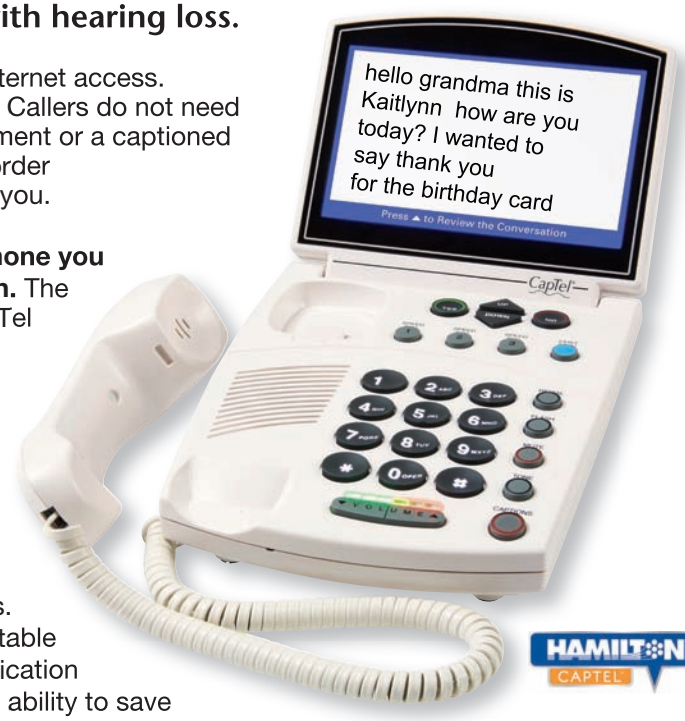

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Thurman Ray Tahsuda was an 18-year-old replacement (left) in the final months of the European campaign of World War II. He was placed at the front, he says, because his commanding officers believed Indians could see in the dark. Today, he is a retired school superintendent and educator who parlayed his wartime service into a GI Bill-funded college education. Photo by Clay Lomneth

they were told that other dictatorships were coming about – to take land and freedom of religion," Nevaquaya says. "What we have here are warriors who believe in protecting our freedom and way of life."

"You feel it in your heart," Sovo says. "You are pulled to be a warrior. You are called. You are asked. And you can't turn them down. When you're asked to perform something, and you're a Comanche, you don't step back. We were taught that from small kids, up through teenage years and into early life. You embrace it and do the best you can."

The walls inside the Patriot Room of the Comanche Indian Veterans Association at the tribal complex are covered with photographs and biographies of those from the nation who have served in America's wars. Among them is the black-and-white image of Oscar John Wahkahquah and wife Ni-ve proudly displaying the U.S. flag – he in his World War I Army uniform, she in her traditional native dress. Panels inside the Patriot Room quantify Comanche wartime service: 60 in World War I, 217 in World War II, 142 in the Korean War, 307 in the Vietnam War, 79 in the Gulf War and more than 100, and growing, in the global war on terrorism. Hundreds of other Comanches have served outside designated war eras.

The Comanche population today is about 16,000, down from approximately 50,000 at the turn of the 19th century. Smallpox and cholera decimated the population in the early 1800s, and buffalo hunters later rendered their main source of nutrition nearly extinct. By the time they begrudgingly moved onto the reservation in the mid-1870s, the Comanches there who could be counted numbered only about 1,600. A nomadic people, they resisted boundaries. But once they became Americans, they did not resist service to their country.

Among the biographies displayed in the Patriot Room is that of Thurman Ray Tahsuda, who was drafted into World War II in 1944 and went to Europe to fight in the final eastward thrust to defeat Hitler's Third Reich. A member of American Legion Post 24 in Anadarko, Tahsuda remembers that when he first entered combat as an 18-year-old replacement along the Belgium-Germany line, with the 260th Infantry Regiment, 65th Infantry Division, "a sergeant hollered, 'Fresh meat!' That was us."

Tahsuda soon heard another voice, from the back of the room, he recalls. "'Any one of you Okies?'

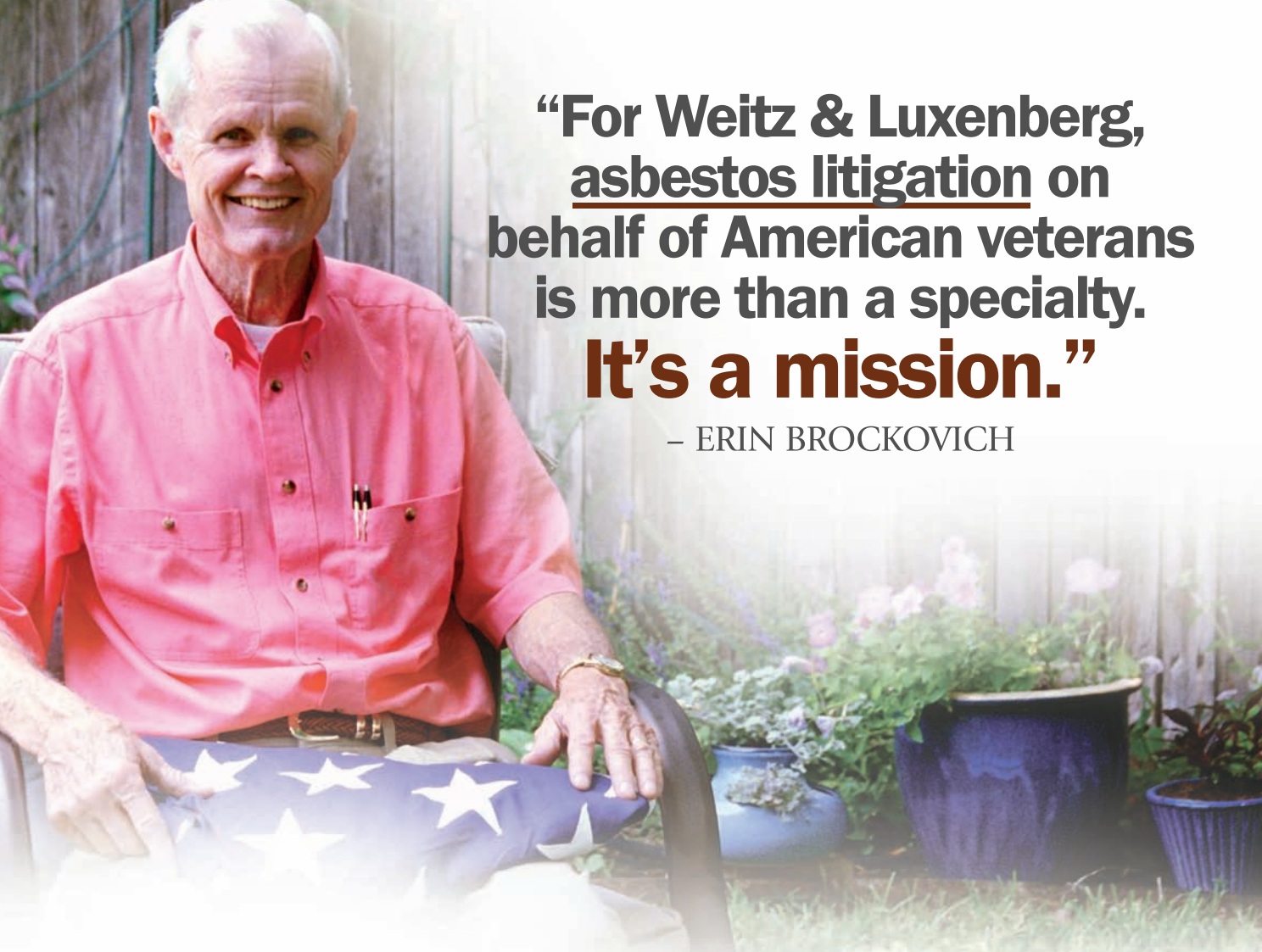
"I said, 'Yo!'

"The next thing he said, 'Are you a blanket?'

"I said, 'Yo!'"

"He said, 'I want you.' The gentleman was from Oklahoma. I never did know what tribe he was in – Ponca or Osage – and I got under his wing. We Indians have our own way."

Tahsuda was moved to the front line as U.S. forces began their late-winter push into Germany. "This squad leader said, 'Ray, we're going to have to relieve the observation post at night,' and he said, 'I don't know why, but they think an Indian can see



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in the dark.' They gave me that job of going out on night patrols, relieving observation posts up front ... in what the old-timers would call no man's land."

They passed from village to town, fending off Hitler's last desperate defenses, crossing rivers, moving on foot if they couldn't catch a ride on a tank. "Wherever you threw your pack was where you landed, where you'd sleep," Tahsuda recalls. "That was your area. Sometimes you'd dig in. Sometimes not."

On one patrol of his unit's march into Germany, Tahsuda remembers how his Indian upbringing helped. "I was out in front of the two scouts, and the company was behind us. I saw something moving in the brush. I looked real good. There were two gray caps sticking out. And this (machine gun) was pointed right at us. I was a stealthy Comanche, I guess ... I sure was walking light. I got up where I thought I was safe and I yelled, 'Machine gun on the right!' as loud as I could. When I did, I heard everyone behind me: 'Hit the dirt!' They never did open up. They finally came out. Lo and behold, they were just a couple of kids – 15 or 16 years old. Not the old hard-nosed Wehrmarcht. That's probably the thing that saved us. We were in such a position that they could have just cut the whole bunch of us to pieces. We were very fortunate that day."

Tahsuda was there when the Allies ended Hitler's reign and then spent five months as a guard at Dachau, where Nazi war criminals were held before trial and execution by hanging nearby. In the final months of the the war, the teenaged Comanche warrior had passed concentration camps and saw firsthand the grim remains of the Holocaust. "They had small camps everywhere," he says. "It made me mad. I didn't want to take any prisoners. We didn't know all the bad things that were going on. We didn't know how extensive it was."

Sovo believes he has encountered his warrior ancestors on unexpected occasions. One time, as a schoolteacher on a training retreat at a ranch in New Mexico, he and his group were visiting a rancheria seven miles from the highway. As they were waiting to leave in a van, Sovo – in his 40s at the time – decided to run back to the highway, along the desert road, instead. He grabbed two bottles of water and took off on foot.

"In that run, I got to this flat area. I was probably about four and a half miles from the ranch house, and I heard hollering – whooping as they call it – and I looked over my left shoulder. I saw this group of horses and riders. The way they were dressed, I knew they were Tu-wee warriors. They were the ones who protected the rear of the Comanche bands as they moved wherever. They were special fighters. They fought the Cavalry and never got any of them killed or left behind. They won most of their battles. I saw this group, and I heard it. I didn't get scared. I felt very humbled and honored for this group of Comanche warriors – Tu-wee riders – to come and be with me in my run to try to get out to the road. When I looked at them – they didn't look at me – they held up their lances and was hollerin'. It told me, 'You're going to make it. You're doing fine. And they wanted to let me know they were watching over me.' The next thing, they peeled off to the left. As the dust caught up to them, they just faded off. You saw the heat waves there. I could actually see the outlines of the horses, their regalia and weapons they were carrying."

It happened again in China. Sovo was on a teaching trip there when the 9/11 attacks shut down air travel. As the World Trade Center and the Pentagon were smoldering, he was at a hotel praying over all that was happening half a world away. He gazed across a lake at a man-made island. "The image of warriors was on that island there," he says. "I could see the outline of these warriors, and one of them that was there was my father. And he would raise his hand four times with his lance, and I knew everything was going to be all right."

Sovo had earlier felt the presence of Comanche warriors, including his World War I veteran great-grandfather, before he deployed to the Vietnam War. They visited Sovo when he was called back to active duty during the Gulf War as a safety officer and fire marshal with the Fort Sill Medical Command. He also felt them at his wedding to wife May.

"They come and go all the time. They come back to military people while they are sleeping and give them encouragement, and let them know how or what may be ahead of them. That way, it protects them in their military careers. As a warrior, you never die. They will come and visit you, and they will give you insight. You won't be scared."

"I knew, the way I was raised, that I could handle anything the Army put me through," says Herrera, who served from 1997 to 2005, and whose grandfather Charles Chibitty was a World War II Comanche code talker. "I volunteered. Because of my religion, I wasn't scared."

A life-size statue in front of the Comanche Nation Tribal Complex depicts a warrior spirit, lance in hand, whispering into the ear of a U.S. radioman in World War II combat fatigues. The "Spirit Talker" memorial honors the 17 Comanche code talkers who served with the 4th Infantry Division and the five Comanche code talkers who confused the

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enemy on the World War I battlefields of France between Aug. 12 and Nov. 11, 1918.

Sovo, whose parents were both fluent in their native tongue, is one of an estimated 1 percent who speak Comanche today. "At meals, Mother or Dad would say, 'Whatever you want off the table, you have to ask for it in Comanche. If you don't know how, then we will correct you.' We were brought up speaking Comanche as well as English."

The Indian schools did not approve of Comanches speaking in their native language. Nor did the schools always succeed in converting the students to new ways of life.

"My father wasn't very much of a student because he would run off," Tahsuda says. "His parents took him to Fort Sill (Indian School). We lived probably 15 or 20 miles southeast of Lawton. Of course, the only way they had to travel was wagon and team. On the way back, they stayed all night with some neighbors in between. When they got home the next day, my dad was sitting out on the front porch. He had beaten them back home. Then they sent him to Carlisle Indian School in Pennsylvania. Well, Grandma and them got a letter after he had been there probably a week or two, that he wasn't there anymore. He had left school. It must have taken him a month to get home, or longer. That was the end of his school days, about eighth grade, I guess."

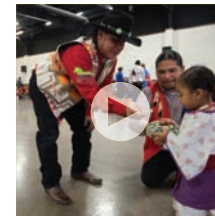
Tahsuda's father had walked from Pennsylvania to Oklahoma, foraging and working for food along the way, until he made it back to his people.

"It was hard to keep them in school. That was Comanche life. A lot of it was the outdoors. I think that contributed to my being able to exist better when I was in the Army. My Native American background helped me. I knew how to be out. My dad was a hunter and a fisherman. We'd been out at night many times hunting. Of course I was ready for the outdoors. The city kids had a harder time."

Sovo worries that today's Comanches, like most American youth, are losing touch with the outdoors. Smartphones and video games have replaced war play along the Comancheria creek beds traversed by their ancestors.

"I think it's the end of a generation," he says. "When I was teaching, I would tell those kids in the sixth grade, 'Do you have a creek by your house? It's freedom. You guys have something other kids don't have – the kids in the inner cities. Don't let it go to waste. Some day, there will be beaucoups houses, and that creek won't be there for you.'"

For young Comanche warriors who enter military service today, the nation has special ceremonies, Nevaquaya says, to provide "spiritual help to find



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Every Memorial Day, Chandler-Bilyeu American Legion Post 306 members gather early in the morning and make the rounds of rural cemeteries, one of which is all-Comanche, to present the colors and to pay tribute to all who served before them. The post takes pride that between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., it will conduct ceremonies at nine small cemeteries that might otherwise be forgotten. Some of them also volunteer at the Fort Sill National Cemetery, where more than 4,000 veterans and their families – including many Comanches – are laid to rest on Indian ground that later became the reservation.

From the national cemetery, looking west toward the Wichita Mountains, where an angular sunset paints the rugged landscape in dusty hues of red, yellow, orange and indigo, the horizon remains much as it was when Comanches of past centuries gazed upon it, confident in their certainty that nothing is more honorable than fighting for the freedom of your country, even if that means death.

"You've been taught it by the elders, that there is a hereafter," Sovo explains. "And it's reinforced by the clergies, whatever church you go to. It's more reinforced when you, like myself as a peyote man, go in the tipi and pray all night long with other men and other veterans. Some will relay to you that you don't have to worry because when you are no longer here on mother earth, you're going to be met by your people – the warriors that have gone on before you. They are going to be able to identify you because, most of the time, we are buried in our Comanche regalia.

"Myself, I will be buried as a Tu-wee warrior. I will have my buckskins on. I will have my breastplate on. My hair will be loose to blow in the wind. They will know you – those Tu-wee warriors. They will bring that horse to you. And they will give it you. And you will get on it. And you'll ride with them, off into the far distance, where God is at, and He will meet with you there, and He will know that you are a warrior."

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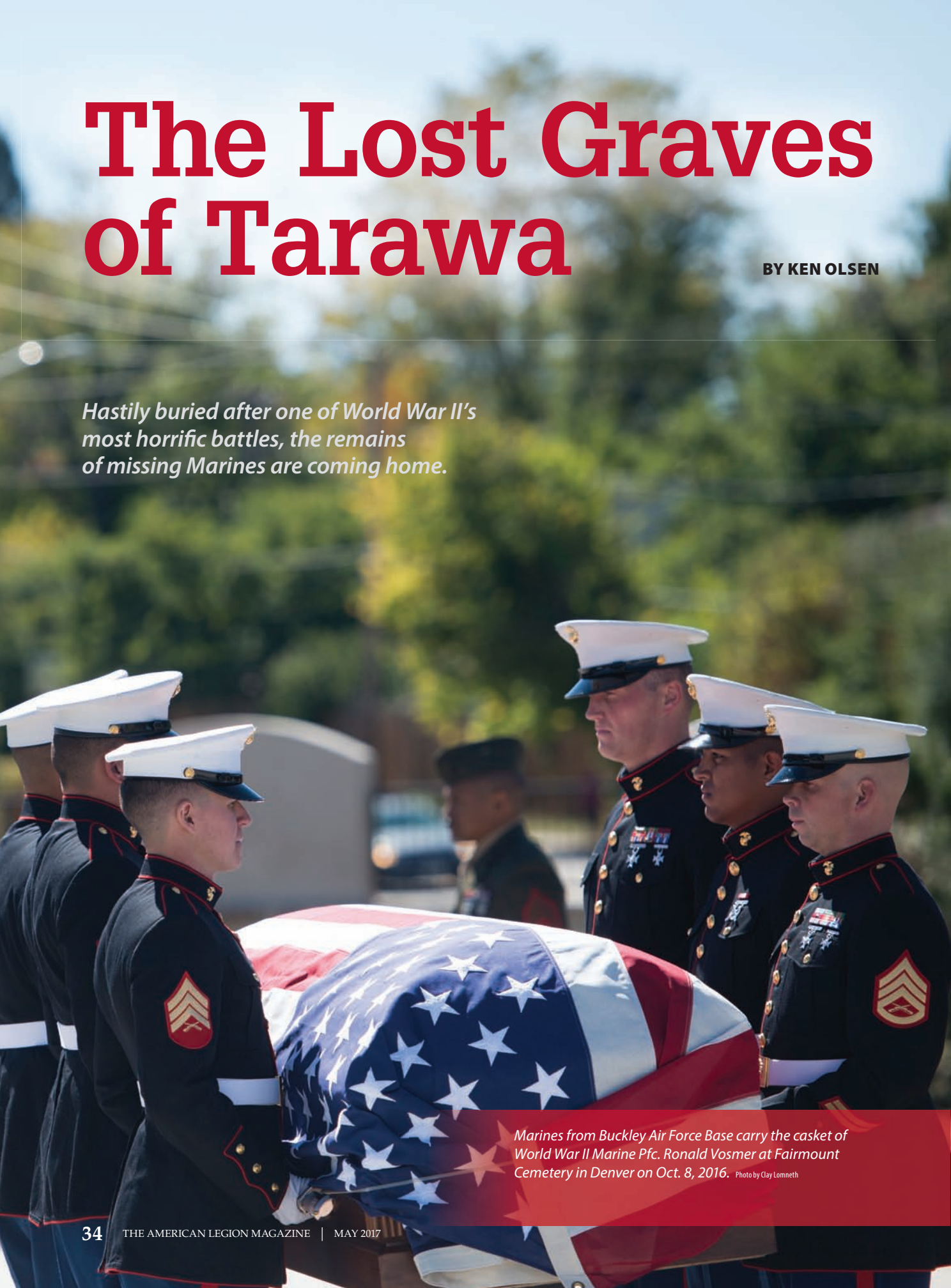
The Lost Graves of Tarawa

BY KEN OLSEN

Hastily buried after one of World War II's most horrific battles, the remains of missing Marines are coming home.



Marines from Buckley Air Force Base carry the casket of World War II Marine Pfc. Ronald Vosmer at Fairmount Cemetery in Denver on Oct. 8, 2016. Photo by Clay Lomneth

U.S. Marines storm a Japanese stronghold on Tarawa Atoll in the Gilbert Islands in November 1943. Wikimedia Commons

Tom Vosmer doesn't recall exactly when he learned his cousin had been killed during the Battle of Tarawa. He might have been 6 or 7. The loss was nonetheless devastating. "Even at that age, I remember being deeply affected by the news," he says. "The name 'Tarawa' was imprinted in my mind very powerfully."

For decades, however, Tom didn't realize the breadth of the tragedy his family had endured following the bloody assault on a key Japanese stronghold in the South Pacific in November 1943. Pfc. Ronald Vosmer and hundreds of other Marines who were killed in just three days of battle were hastily buried and then lost. By early 1949, a military review board declared many of the remains, including Vosmer's, unrecoverable. Scores of families were deprived of the certainty of knowing what happened to their loved ones and the solace of bringing them home for burial.

"I can't imagine how his parents must have felt," Tom says.

Seven decades later, the family finally has closure. In October, Vosmer finally came home to rest in the Denver cemetery where his parents and sister are buried – thanks largely to the efforts of History Flight, a nonprofit group that has spent more than a dozen years and tens of thousands of hours finding the lost Marines of Tarawa. "Such a pity this could not have happened while his parents were still alive," says Tom, who traveled from his home in Australia to attend the funeral in Colorado. "But at least it has happened, which gives us some comfort."

OPERATION GALVANIC Providing comfort to the families of the missing Tarawa Marines has been an excruciating challenge, emblematic of the price the tiny atoll exacted as the United States attempted to push back the Japanese.

The Battle of Tarawa was essentially the battle of Betio, a two-mile ribbon of sand and coral in the Gilbert Islands about 2,500 miles southwest of Hawaii. Protected by a network of bunkers, machine-gun nests, anti-aircraft batteries and other armaments, Tarawa was the most heavily fortified atoll the United States invaded in the Pacific. A Japanese admiral reportedly claimed the United States couldn't take it with a million men.

The U.S. invasion, known as Operation Galvanic, was crucial to securing a foothold in the central Pacific from which to launch assaults on the Marshall and Caroline islands. It was a near-calamity from the start. Most of the enemy fortifications survived intense pre-invasion shelling from U.S. warships. Aerial bombing runs were late or didn't materialize, says Dean Ladd, then a 23-year-old first lieutenant and platoon leader. Lower-than-anticipated tides stranded U.S. landing craft offshore, making them easy targets for the Japanese.

On the first day of the invasion, Ladd's battalion circled the island in Higgins boats for 21 hours waiting for orders to land – orders that never came because of communication failures. When the battalion commander finally decided to go for it on the second morning, their fleet of landing craft ran aground on a reef 600 yards from shore, forcing the Marines to wade to the aptly named Red Beach 2 in the face of withering enemy gunfire.

"We got slaughtered," says Ladd, who was shot in the stomach as he led his platoon to shore. A fellow Marine dragged him back to a landing craft that took Ladd and other wounded Marines back to USS *Sheridan*. An abdominal specialist on board saved Ladd's life.

"Can you imagine the odds of having an abdominal specialist?" he says. "He had to patch up my bladder and take out part of my large intestine. I was called his wonder patient."

Ladd recovered and went on to see action on Saipan and Tinian. Now 96 and living in Spokane, Wash., he has written three books, including "Faithful Warriors," a vivid memoir of his World War II combat tour that included all of the 2nd Marine Division's major campaigns.

AFTERMATH U.S. losses at Tarawa were staggering. Vosmer and more than 1,100 other Americans were killed "during three days of the most concentrated combat of the war," Ladd says. That's roughly equivalent to the number of U.S. servicemembers killed in six months of fighting on Guadalcanal, according to the History Channel.

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Kurt Hiete, managing director of the Never Forget Our Veterans Foundation, urges American Legion posts nationwide to take the lead in welcoming home Tarawa's missing Marines.
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Another 2,500 U.S. troops were wounded, Ladd adds. All but 17 of approximately 4,500 Japanese troops died in the fighting or killed themselves.

The public outcry over the casualty count was intense. "FDR decided to let the general public know what war was really like," he says. "Boy, did it hit the fan."

While Ladd was recovering from the damage the machine-gun round had done to his gut, the Marines buried their dead in shallow graves. Construction crews quickly expanded the airfield and built other infrastructure needed for Betio to serve the U.S. advance. And when the 604th Quartermaster Graves Registration Company returned in 1946 and 1947, there was confusion as to where the American dead were actually buried.

In the end, the 604th found roughly half of the U.S. servicemembers who died on Tarawa. Of those, 471 were identified and buried in U.S. cemeteries, says Kurt Hiete, past commander of American Legion Post 283 in Pacific Palisades, Calif., who founded the Never Forget Our Veterans Foundation after visiting Tarawa in 2010.

Another 104 were buried as unknowns in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, aka the Punchbowl, in Hawaii. As many as 500 remained on the rolls of Tarawa's missing.

Back home, families struggled to make sense of their losses and the lack of information about what happened to their loved ones. Vosmer's family built a wall of silence around their grief. They were told he was missing in action and chances of finding him were slim, says Ron Harrison, Vosmer's nephew and namesake. "My mother was a very emotional person. She never talked about it because it was pretty hard on her."

That void remained until 2013, when Ron read a story in the *San Jose Mercury News* about a group called History Flight that was investing thousands of dollars and research hours on technology to locate American MIAs all over the world, including the lost Marines of Tarawa. He contacted Clay Bonnyman Evans, whose grandfather, Medal of Honor recipient Lt. Alexander Bonnyman, also died on Tarawa. Two years later, History Flight located the remains of 35 Marines and turned them over to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), the branch of the Pentagon charged with recovering the more than 80,000 U.S. servicemembers who have gone missing in action since World War II.

Harrison and his sister, LuLane, were asked to submit DNA samples. And in March 2016, they learned that LuLane's DNA was a match for the remains found next to Evans' grandfather. "It was exciting to think that it had meant something – that it had come full circle," says LuLane, who like her brother lives in California. Their uncle was coming home. "History Flight made it all happen," she adds.

HONOR GUARD Meanwhile, in Healdsburg, Calif., the family of another lost Tarawa Marine, Pfc. John Saini, contacted American Legion Post 111 finance officer Bob Taylor about using its hall for a small family funeral reception. Taylor reserved a larger building instead – the nearby Villa Chanticleer – and tried to convince Saini's niece that it was the minimum amount of space needed to accommodate everyone who would turn out for the memorial service.

"Family members don't always realize how big a deal it is to veterans to have somebody brought home after 70 years," Taylor says. "They don't think it means anything to anybody outside of the family."

Post 111 contacted the local newspaper, and by the day of the service even San Francisco TV stations were covering the story. American Legion Riders escorted Saini's casket 90 miles from the

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San Francisco airport to Healdsburg. Along the route, fire departments had their ladder trucks stationed on overpasses with U.S. flags hoisted from the top rung and firefighters saluting the passing motorcade. For Taylor, Healdsburg once again felt like the small town that adopted a U.S. battalion during the Korean War.

Both the funeral and reception were packed. Hundreds of people attended. "It's about the Legion showing up and honoring a veteran," Taylor says. "It's who we are."

Liz McDowell, Saini's niece, was stunned.

"The American Legion got to work and sure enough, everything fell into place," McDowell says. "They did so much more than we ever hoped for. I can't put it into words how grateful we are."

Hiete, who attended, was also impressed. And he knew that Post 111's effort was a model for what other Legion posts should do to welcome the lost Marines of Tarawa home. "There's no better way for the local community to know about The American Legion than to have it participate in these funerals," he says.

Hiete put Vosmer's family in touch with the Colorado American Legion. Service officer Robert Rhodes went to work doing everything from dispatching Legion Riders to escort Vosmer's casket to organizing a luncheon and funeral reception and inviting Colorado's congressional delegation to speak. Vosmer's family took note.

"It was just something very special," Ron Harrison says. "Nobody personally knew him. But they took the time to come and honor my uncle. It made me proud of the military services."

The memorial was attended by Jill Henderson, the niece of still-missing Tarawa Marine John Taylor Burke. She found hope in the return of Vosmer's remains. "I want that happy ending for my family," Henderson says, "while my mother and (Burke's nephew Tom McNeely) are still alive as both are suffering from melanoma cancer."

Amite Post 76 in Liberty, Miss., went all out for the family of James S. Smith, a local boy who died on Tarawa and was returned home in October thanks to History Flight. Department of Mississippi Commander Murry "CQ" Toney, who is a member of Post 76, put out the word and the result was a tribute the family will never forget.

"The American Legion was the greatest thing," says Carey Smith, nephew of the fallen Marine. "I can't tell you how much they went out of their way to help us."

Families in Pennsylvania, Nebraska and Kentucky are repeating those sentiments, as other American Legion posts step up to honor the lost Marines of Tarawa who are finally coming home.

For Vosmer's family, this memorial service not only brought closure but deep gratitude for the military and History Flight, and a new sense of duty to his missing comrades.

"I really lost it when they played taps," Ron says. "I felt very honored. And I made a promise to myself: if they identify any of the other Marines, I'm going to make it to the funerals of the people who died with my uncle."

Ken Olsen is a frequent contributor to The American Legion Magazine.

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DEFENSE POW/MIA ACCOUNTING AGENCY is the arm of the Department of Defense charged with finding, identifying and bringing home missing U.S. servicemembers killed overseas since World War II. ***www.dpaa.mil***

NEVER FORGET OUR VETERANS FOUNDATION Founded by Kurt Hiete after a 2010 trip to Tarawa, the foundation supports efforts to find missing U.S. servicemembers and engages in environmental and humanitarian projects in their honor. Hiete is a past commander of American Legion Post 283 in Pacific Palisades, Calif. ***www.nfovf.org***

"FAITHFUL WARRIORS" is Tarawa veteran Dean Ladd's memoir of his intense combat tour through the Pacific theater in World War II. Ladd has also written several manuscripts, including one recounting his return to the region in the 1980s to revisit Guadalcanal, Saipan and other famous battlefields where he saw action.

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Bob Hetrick holds a photograph of his late father, Clarendon, who was interred on USS Arizona *on the 75th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack.* Photo by Clay Lomneth

Decades after Pearl Harbor, two USS Arizona *crew members rejoin their shipmates in a double interment ceremony.*

BY HENRY HOWARD

John Anderson and Clarendon Hetrick survived the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor but never forgot their 1,177 shipmates who died on USS *Arizona*. Both men went on to fulfill lengthy and honorable service, raise families and regularly return to the memorial to honor those killed Dec. 7, 1941.

On the 75th anniversary of the attack, the remains of Anderson and Hetrick were returned to the ship in a double interment ceremony – the first and likely last such event. There are only five living survivors.

"The interment service was very powerful," says Bob Hetrick, Clarendon's son. "All the power and warmth of the Navy was there. Dad was going back to his ship and back to where he wanted to be and back to where he belonged. I'm not a particularly spiritual person, but that's a very sacred place."

The National Park Service (NPS) and U.S. Navy have jointly organized and coordinated 39 of 40 interment ceremonies over the years. (The Marine Corps participated in one involving a Marine.)

Daniel Martinez, chief historian for the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument at the USS *Arizona* Memorial, works with the families and officiates the ceremonies.

"The one thing that is so amazing about this is the silence that is present as we execute the interment," he says. "It's part of the ambience of how special and how dignified this is. This sailor is going back to rejoin his shipmates and that's his last wish."

Long before the ceremony, Martinez starts the process by helping families complete the necessary paperwork. Once the interment request is approved, the family makes a series of decisions about the ceremony: How many family members will be present? Who will receive the U.S. flag? Who will accompany the urn? Who will present the urn to the dive team? What music will be playing?

The Dec. 7 double interment ceremony was more complicated than others because it involved two families amid worldwide attention on the 75th anniversary of the attack. It was crowded, too, with 225 people packing the *Arizona* memorial to observe.

NPS representatives, Navy leaders and others opened the event with brief remarks. After a prayer and presentation of a U.S. flag, designated family members accompanied Navy personnel and Martinez to the dock. In back-to-back ceremonies, each family handed an urn to a member of the NPS dive team.

"There are five divers, and the center diver holds the urn straight up in the air, like a trophy, and then the others pull him along and they go toward the sunken *Arizona*, which is about 25 yards away," Martinez explains. "At the barbette of Turret 3, and in between the barbette of 3 and the well of Turret 4, they all display at the same time. The diver who is holding the urn is the last to disappear with the urn up above him, down below the water. Then the divers are underwater, and as a group they move toward the well of Turret 4. They go down about 30 feet and there's a place where they put the urn into the ship."

As the divers disappear, a gun salute is fired and taps is played. "That completes an interment," Martinez says. "And it's hard to have a dry eye when that happens."

Both families praised the NPS and Navy for the precise, reverent ceremony.

"It was somber but it was respectful," says Terry Anderson, John's son. "Everything was immaculately done. It was such an emotional time for our whole family. It was literally like the ocean stood still. I just felt a great deal of gratitude for the respect that was paid to our families and our dads, to my dad and to Mr. Hetrick. It was unbelievable."

For the Hetricks, the *Arizona* as final resting place has special meaning.

"It's really kind of cool because I pieced together the spot where he exited the ship, and it's probably within 15 or 20 feet of where they interred him into the crack in Turret 4," Bob said. "He had his shore leave and now he's returning to duty."

TWINS REUNITED John Delmar Anderson and Delbert Jake Anderson were the only set of identical twins on board *Arizona*.

"They grew up together, went to high school together, played football together," Terry says. "They did everything together. They hunted together, they joined the military together. Their lives were so intertwined as young men."

John survived the attack on Pearl Harbor, but Jake did not.

John went on to serve 36 years on active duty and as a reservist. "It was a sad thing when I looked at Dad's service record," Terry says, noting that the National Archives provided a set of Jake's as well. "It

Terry Anderson of Roswell, N.M., participated in the interment of his father, John Anderson, at the USS Arizona *Memorial in Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7.* Photo by Lucas Carter

really hits home when you look at how long Dad's was and how short Jake's was."

On the morning of Dec. 7, the brothers were in different locations, with John setting up for church services on the ship's stern. He heard the explosions and recognized the red circle on one of the planes flying overhead.

"He ran into Lt. (Samuel) Fuqua and Dad told him, 'This is an air attack. These are not ships coming into the harbor,'" Terry says. "He asked permission to report to port side anti-aircraft gun."

Fuqua, who received the Medal of Honor for his actions that day, agreed and sent Anderson on his way. Moments later, an 1,800-pound bomb went through the bow of the ship and exploded, taking *Arizona* down.

The bomb blew John off the ship. "At some point, he managed to get back on, even though it was on fire and burning," Terry says. "He ran into Lt. Fuqua again, who said, 'You got to get off the ship.' Dad says, 'I got to find my brother.'"

Fuqua didn't agree this time, telling him again, "You're getting off ship," and pushing him off.

Upon reaching Ford Island, John made a bizarre discovery.

"He found a Marine Corps dress uniform there on the beach," Terry says, noting that his father wore it for a little while. "The only thing we could ever surmise was that somebody threw their uniform down and ran. His clothes had been burned off because of the flash fires all over *Arizona*."

John found another younger seaman named Rose, who he implored to get back in the water to help rescue efforts. "Rose didn't want to go," Terry says. "He was scared. But Dad convinced him, saying, 'You got to go, I can't do it without you.'"

Both men started pulling survivors out of the water when a Japanese plane fired on their boat, which went down. "Dad was the only survivor," Terry says. "They lost those four men they pulled out, and they lost Rose. We found out about that story when we were much, much older. Dad never shared that with us."

John told the story during a meeting with NPS and Navy officials talking about *Arizona*. Afterward, he contacted Rose's family and told them what had happened. "They were thankful because they knew he had died at Pearl Harbor, but they had never known exactly what happened," Terry says. "That gave them some closure."

John sought his own peace by visiting Jake, Rose and the other men every five years.

"Dad was a patriot," Terry says. "That's something that he instilled in all of us. It was always important for him to go and pay his respects. It was out of respect and out of the fact that we were tied to *Arizona*, our family, by the blood of his brother, Jake."

At the memorial, John remained quiet but always made a point to run his fingers over the etching of his brother's name on the wall.

The Anderson family found John's name on the

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wall the day before his interment ceremony. "It was incredibly emotional," Terry remembers. "It was profound sadness and profound pride at the same time."

ESCAPING THE DARKNESS On Dec. 7, Clarendon Robert Hetrick woke up at 5:30 a.m., as he usually did, to prepare breakfast for his dozen crewmates on *Arizona*. A couple of hours later, the Japanese attack sent him scurrying – wearing only his underwear – to his battle station. Amid the chaos, Hetrick and others loaded several rounds into a 5-inch magazine.

Then everything went dark.

"All of a sudden the whole ship rattles and somebody hollers, 'Let's get the hell out of here,'" his son, Bob, says. "The room is pitch black. Then they smell smoke and don't really know which way is up. To find the way out of this room is a maze, and to do it in seconds is completely amazing. It's below the water level, and it's an eerie place down there."

Clarendon made it topside safely and found a sailor whose legs were caught in a ladder.

"My dad ended up pushing him up and putting him on the deck, and going across the deck and taking off his new shoes he bought the day before, hoping to return to get them someday," Bob says. "He then steps off the deck into the water and dog paddles to Ford Island. He didn't get burned, didn't get a scratch on him. It's just amazing."

Clarendon served 10 more years in the Navy, and another decade in the Air Force. But his heart remained with his *Arizona* crewmates who never escaped the darkness of that Sunday morning.

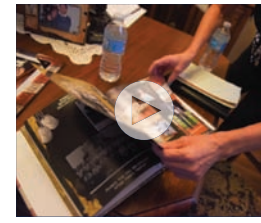
The Hetrick family made regular pilgrimages to the memorial to honor and remember the lost. They proudly display memorabilia from their visits and Clarendon's military days, believing it's important to pass on his legacy from generation to generation – including 6-month-old Clarabell Rose, named for her great-grandfather.

During his visits to the memorial, Clarendon always paused at the wall that displays the names of his shipmates.

"He didn't remember a lot of the names of the people he served with," says Bob, who lives in Las Vegas. "He could only remember the boatswain. Boots was his name. He would check his name out, read it every time he went, and take his time and pay his respects. He shed a tear or two. It was a solemn time."

Now visitors from around the world will see the name Clarendon Robert Hetrick etched into the memorial alongside those of his shipmates.

"There is nobody in the world who is going to take better care of my dad, for all eternity, than the USS *Arizona* Memorial," Bob said immediately after the ceremony. "He is going to be safe, guarded over and looked after for all eternity right here. And there is no place I would rather have him."



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'BACK HOME' Frankly, there is no other place John or Clarendon wanted to be. There is an unbreakable bond that unites the *Arizona* survivors with the men who went down with the ship, even 75 years after the attack.

"They feel they should have been there," Bob says. "That 'why them?' feeling. Why did they survive? I was talking to Terry – his dad always wanted to go back because he wanted to save his brother. Why was it his brother and not him? Well, they're all brothers. Why is it one and not the other? I think all of them have wondered that, and that's why they want to go back."

Only a handful of USS *Arizona* survivors remain. Another survivor was scheduled to be reunited with his shipmates in mid-April. He will be the 42nd crew member to be interred there.

John wavered about whether he wanted to spend eternity with his USS *Arizona* crewmates. Ultimately, his heart led him back to the ship, and his family granted his wishes without hesitation.

"John was always very patriotic and very proud," says his widow, Karolyn. "He would be very proud to be recognized like that and very humbled by it. When he first passed away, that's one of the first things we talked about – that he would be joining Jake. And that gives us comfort to know that he is with Jake now."

As for Clarendon, he knew much earlier where he wanted to be laid to rest. The late Myrtle Jean Hetrick began planning for her husband's interment back in the 1980s. Bob and his siblings oversaw the final paperwork and arrangements.

"I guess you could say I made my dad's dying wish come true," Bob says. "It's what he wanted. All of us were committed to making it happen. It wasn't just me. He's back in his ship with his shipmates. He's back home."

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If these simple steps to financial failure sound familiar, it's time to change course.

BY J.J. MONTANARO

"Why don't you tell people how to go broke?"

I was flabbergasted when the folks from *The American Legion Magazine* gave me that little snippet of editorial direction for this feature. And then I smiled.

Here was an opportunity to have a little fun and provide some financial wisdom – or anti-wisdom, if you will.

My initial thought was to present three or four money moves that have the potential to put you in a bad financial place. But once I began to sketch out some ideas, the list just kept growing. Finally I stopped at nine. There are plenty of terrible financial choices you could make, but these are some favorites. Keep in mind that I'm being sarcastic here, telling you what *not* to do.

If going broke is your goal, let's look at some ways to make it a reality:

■ **Improve your life with credit cards.** Whether your income is big or small, spending more than you make is easier than you might think. I've seen people with a whole lot of income execute the task flawlessly. Credit cards can be a key force multiplier in any sort of overspending mission. Use them often and everywhere in hopes of pushing your lifestyle well beyond the boundaries of your means. You only live once; why not do it on the back of a 25 percent interest rate revolving line of credit? And remember, make only the minimum payments.

■ **Buy a big house.** We've been through a housing crisis, but thankfully over the past couple of years, things have loosened up again. Don't worry about what you know you can afford in the context of your overall lifestyle and finances. Instead, figure out how much you can borrow, and let that be your guide. Forget about little details like property taxes, insurance, maintenance, homeowners association dues and other household-related expenses. Those things will take care of themselves. Find the house of your dreams, and go big or go home!

■ **Take the eight-year car loan.** USAA recommends keeping transportation expenses around 10 percent of your gross income and, if you have to borrow, taking on a car loan that's 60 months or less. Let me be frank: that approach to car ownership is probably not going to leave you broke. Instead, buy new. Getting a 72- or 84-month car loan could make the payments somewhat affordable and means you'll be paying plenty more in interest. And don't worry about what it's going to cost to insure, maintain or fuel the vehicle. That's what credit cards are for.

■ **Implement a flawed savings strategy.** Buy all the stuff you need, but especially the stuff you want: clothes, experiences, dining and other luxuries. If there's money left over at the end of the month, then you can think about socking it away in your emergency fund, college account or retirement savings. No money left over? No worries, there's always next month.

■ **Pay Uncle Sam too much.** If you're trying to go broke, Uncle Sam can help. All you need to do is be as inefficient as possible. Don't take advantage of tax breaks for contributing to a work retirement plan or IRA. Don't bother tracking deductible expenses like charitable contributions, either, and definitely don't take the time to see if itemizing makes more sense than the standard deduction on your taxes. This approach is really two-pronged; along with frittering away money today, it will also keep you from amassing a counterproductive pile of assets in the future.

■ **Get divorced.** If you're trying to go broke, there's no better move.

■ **Take the Joneses to the woodshed.** Keep up with the Joneses? No way. Pound them into submission. Cars, houses, electronic gadgets. Whatever it is, you've got to have – and flaunt – the latest and greatest. Oh, the Joneses are going to Disney World? Honey, let them know we're taking the entire extended family to Disneyland Paris!

■ **Co-sign for someone ... or anyone.** Helping out family, friends or neighbors by co-signing on their loans is a super way to shift it into high gear on the road to ruin. Since any debts you co-sign for will be your responsibility and reflected on your credit report, you could end up having to make their payments and suffer the highest interest rates the next time you borrow.

■ **Take a pass on insurance.** A key purpose for insurance is to help you avoid financial disaster. Not having insurance opens you and your family up to the full financial effect of all kinds of risks, including vehicle accidents, injury, illness or death. Without it, you and your loved ones could become strapped with crippling debt.

Changed jobs and lost some life or disability insurance? No problem. Carrying the absolute minimum liability coverage on your auto policy? No problem. Not only that, but some forms of insurance are mandatory, so you could pay extra penalties or fines for not keeping them in place. Another great route to Brokesville!

If you don't see yourself in the descriptions above, that's a good thing. On the other hand, if some of them sound a little too familiar, it's time to change course. You may be on a path that leads to financial ruin, and that's not funny.

J.J. Montanaro is a certified financial planner with USAA's Military Affairs Advocacy Group. USAA is The American Legion's preferred provider of financial services.

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HONOR & REMEMBRANCE

‘I wonder if I am not a fairly good soldier’

Editor’s note: *Throughout the Great War’s centennial,* The American Legion Magazine *will publish excerpts from the letters of D.B. Ryan of Albion, N.Y., who served as an Army infantry officer during the war and helped found American Legion Sheret Post 35 in 1919.*

First Lt. Daniel Bernard “D.B.” Ryan

Between May 13, 1917, and June 24, 1919, my father wrote more than 320 letters and 107 postcards to his mother – while he was learning how to be a U.S. Army infantry officer, while he led fighting and was twice wounded in the Meuse-Argonne forest, and while he lingered in France, taking courses at the University of Paris, after the armistice.

Dad was born in May 1891 in Albion, a small town on the Erie Canal in western New York. His father had died the winter before he was born, and his mother never remarried. After graduating from Albion High School at 16, he returned for two years of post-graduate studies. Then he went to work as a clerk in one of the town’s law firms. Two years later he was admitted to Albany Law School, from which he graduated in 1912. Admitted to the bar, he joined an Albion bank, handling such legal contracts as mortgages.

Like any good lawyer, Dad was also a good actor. He unveiled his talent in amateur theatrical productions in Albion, an interest in which he had been encouraged by his mother. Succumbing to the itch, he caught up with Jessie Bonstelle’s stock company, then playing in Buffalo, on a tour that landed him as an actor in New York City. There, in January 1916, he was hired by actress-producer Grace George and played minor roles in four Broadway productions, including George Bernard Shaw’s “Major Barbara” and “Captain Brassbound’s Conversion.” Later, he was hired by a Boston producer, Winthrop Ames, who was building his Little Theatre on 44th Street (directly behind the long-standing *New York Times* building).

For Ames, Dad stage-managed the first production in The Little Theatre: “Pierrot the Prodigal,” a pantomime by an imported French troupe. It opened on Christmas 1916. On tour, he wrote to his mother almost daily, sending details about where he was and what he had seen and done.

Meanwhile, the United States had entered the world war and was in the process of drafting 2.8 million men from civilian life. Fresh from the “Pierrot” tour, Dad saw the chance to enlist for training as an Army officer. He reported to Madison Barracks in Sackets Harbor, N.Y., in May 1917.

Dad’s baptized name was Daniel Bernard Ryan. Around Albion he was known as D.B. Ryan (the name that had been on his father’s Main Street grocery store before Dad was born), Bernard or, by some of his high school mates, as Dan. Soon after returning from France, he let the Daniel fade away.

– Bernard Ryan Jr.

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Contribute to *American Legion Magazine*’s salute to nurses

If a military or VA nurse has made a significant impact on your life – perhaps even saved it – join *The American Legion Magazine* and Legion.org in a grateful salute to those who have provided comfort, care and life-saving medical skill to help veterans and military personnel through their most difficult times.

And if you are a military or VA nurse, share with the readers of *The American Legion Magazine* and Legion.org a meaningful moment or patient from your experience as a care provider.

Nurses, patients and witnesses to great care and compassion by nurses are invited to submit their stories and upload photos at **www.legion.org/legiontown**. Select “Salute to Nurses” as the category. Submissions will be reviewed and posted on the national website. Selected submissions will be included in the September issue of the magazine.

THE GREAT WAR 100

MADISON BARRACKS, MAY 19, 1917

Dear Mother

Thank you dear for the sweater blankets & other things. I slept very comfortably last night & the sweater helped out until reveille this morning. Also the underwear was mighty comfortable and now as the day has grown that is too warm. Quartermaster has started sales & reports have just come to me like this: sox 13c, I paid 75c. Army overcoats 9.00, shoes 2.50. I paid 7.50 (mine are oiled. When I drew company equipment they couldn't give me size) sweaters $2 or $3 but they have only 45 & 32 sizes, some one said. The point is I don't seem to mind paying in order to have the thing I want when I want it, just like a millionaire. Some day I'll learn to deny myself for the moment & await the opportunity, and I am writing this a short time after having ordered a regulation locker (trunk) not thru the q.m. but thru the exch. I don't seem to learn, do I? Well, enough of that.

While I have told you nothing about organization etc. here it seems there is nothing much to tell. We now have all of our equipment. Have had a little manual of arms, nomenclature of rifle, taking it apart etc. Had aiming exercises yesterday.

Love, Son

MAY 26, 1917

I wonder if I am not a fairly good soldier. Not in drilling nor manual of arms nor any of the I.D.R. but generally. Everybody does so much kicking, so much complaining about sore arms, about the mess etc. Nobody or few discipline himself. There are head and body movements at "attention" and in marching, talking "at ease" and "rest" is usually executed by "falling out." I am under my third corporal. He doesn't seem to give a whoop whether his squad learns anything or is taken care of or not. There has been repeated admonition by captain and lieutenant to do things by team work, repeated announcement of squad leaders' responsibilities. Some are very hard working.

I have great respect for my captain & for my lieutenant. The latter is the best of the four platoon leaders. I do think our captain might have started out with more strictness. So you see what I mean by thinking I am a fair soldier. Of course I am rotten in technique if that's what you call it but I am at least adaptable. And when we have bayonet exercise I can't get up enough imagination to thrust that long blade into my imaginary enemy's entrails with vigorous enthusiasm. Strange, isn't it, to be training for that?

Read Hugh Britting's letter home about his first taste of battle and you will find the change of attitude which I must undergo if I ever get to the trenches in France. On the other hand, remember that we are training here to train others later. If we get commissions we will probably be kept at that for some time. And it seems to me as I have set forth above that my chances for a commission are fair if I ever learn this stuff.

MAY 27, 1917

It occurs to me that I haven't told you anything about the routine. Reveille is at 5:30 (except Sunday, which is at 6:10). One has to be dressed and in line. Then he makes up his bunk, sweeps about it, washes & goes to breakfast at 6. First formation is at 7 & we are kept busy until 12. Mess is at 12:20, next formation at 1:30. Busy till 4:30, then we are free until retreat at 5:40. Mess is at 6 and study is from 7 to 9, lights out at 10 P.M. If one has any free moments there's always a rifle to clean. We had our first inspection of arms yesterday. Certain parts we had been instructed not to clean – the bore and the magazine. Well, the sergeant who examined mine said it was the cleanest he had seen yet, which included most of the rear rank of the platoon. Then along came the lieutenant and found dirt in the corners of my bayonet belt. The rifles came from the arsenal completely covered with a protecting and sticky preparation to keep dampness and rust away. It's the dickens of a job to get that stuff off.

Tomorrow I will be 26. Think of it & what it means to you, brave dear mother.

Love, Bernard

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LEGION RIDERS

Register for 2017 Legacy Run

Registration for the 2017 Legacy Run is open, via **www.legion.org/riders** or mail with a printable form.

This year's run will depart Aug. 12 from the Kansas Soldiers' Home in Fort Dodge, Kan., for a six-day trip that will conclude at the 99th American Legion National Convention in Reno, Nev., on Aug. 17. Registration information, including cost, is available online.

The Legacy Run raises funds for the Legacy Scholarship Fund, which provides college scholarships for children of U.S. servicemembers killed on active duty on or after 9/11, or – new this year – post-9/11 veterans with a combined VA-determined service disability rating of at least 50 percent. Non-riding "supporter" registrations are also available.

www.legion.org/riders

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Commander to Congress: Time to modernize appeals

Weaving The American Legion's 2017 legislative priorities into a narrative of its 98-year history, National Commander Charles E. Schmidt led Legion testimony before a joint session of the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs committees March 1.

"Nearly 117,000 Americans gave their lives to successfully liberate Europe," Schmidt said of World War I veterans. "The American Legion was born of this generation ... (our) legislative agenda, in a new era of global war, bears many resemblances to that of our first generation." That includes "compassionate treatment for service-connected mental health conditions, defined as 'shell shock' or 'combat fatigue' at the time, now known as 'post-traumatic stress disorder.'"

Referring to the wait-time manipulation scandals of 2014, Schmidt identified access to care as VA's prevailing problem. He also asked for Congress to pass legislation to modernize the veterans appeals process. "No one should have to wait a decade for an answer from VA," he said.

Recalling the Legion's Flag Conference of 1923, Schmidt urged lawmakers to support a constitutional amendment to return to Congress the power to protect the U.S. flag from physical desecration. Such acts are not free speech, but behavior that can incite violence, he said.

With the Legion's centennial nearing, Schmidt reminded the committees that legislation is being drafted for the U.S. Mint to strike a commemorative coin and issue a U.S. postage stamp.

"We would be honored to count on your support for both the coin and the stamp, in tribute not so much to The American Legion as a branded veterans service organization, but to The American Legion as a symbol of democracy, liberty, fairness and opportunity," he said.

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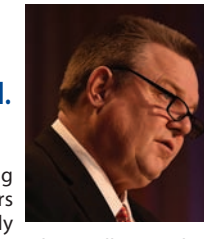

Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont., ranking member of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, speaking to Legion Family members during the Commander's Call. Attendees proceeded to visit their representatives on Capitol Hill to talk about the Legion's legislative priorities.

"It's a scary proposition to leave your job and try to generate income on your own. There's no way to alleviate that, but I at least want to diminish it a little bit and help them get started."

Charles McCaffrey, director of the Veterans Business Outreach Center at Community Business Partnership in Virginia, on leading a Boots to Business Reboot Workshop for aspiring veteran entrepreneurs. The conference also included a résumé workshop, job fair and other events to help veterans and transitioning servicemembers prepare for the next phase of their careers.

"I am the person I am today – if there's any small measure of success I have achieved – because of the comradeship and the love and struggle we waged together."

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., on his experiences as a Vietnam War POW. McCain received The American Legion's Distinguished Public Service Award.

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Joe P. Joslin Jr. Post 23, Cotter, Ark. Chartered Nov. 7 (20 members)

Chancellor A. Keesling Post 306, Plainfield, Ind. Chartered Sept. 29 (20 members)

Operating Engineers Local Post No. 139, Coloma, Wis. Chartered Sept. 15 (14 members)

Post 152, White Bird, Idaho Chartered Sept. 15 (19 members)

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Post 589, Warrenville, Ill. Chartered Sept. 7 (18 members)

Mike Gardino Sr. Post 410, Rockledge, Ill. Chartered Sept. 7 (15 members)

NATIONAL CONVENTION

Country singer McCoy to perform at banquet, serve as master of ceremonies

Neal McCoy, a country music mainstay who has sold more than 6 million records, will emcee the opening of the 99th National Convention in Reno, Nev., on Aug. 22, and perform at the National Commander's Banquet that evening.

The Texas native has three platinum albums and five country No. 1 singles to his credit, and has performed in 15 USO shows around the world. Last year, McCoy began reciting the Pledge of Allegiance every morning on Facebook Live; his page, **www.facebook.com/nealmccoymusic**, has racked up tens of millions of views.

Tickets for the National Commander's Banquet are $47; those interested in attending should contact their department adjutants.

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY NIGHT WITH THE RENO ACES

On Aug. 21, the Reno Aces baseball team will take on the Fresno Grizzlies at Greater Nevada Field. The game will begin at 7:05 p.m. Discounted tickets are available for pre-sale upon availability. Credit cards will not be charged until two weeks prior to game day.

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REGISTER FOR CONVENTION CONTESTS

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The National Convention Color Guard Contest will be at 5 p.m. Aug. 18 in Hall 4, on the first floor of the Reno-Sparks Convention Center. Application forms are due in the four classes – Advancing & Retiring, Military, Military Open and Open – by July 14.

The National Convention Band Contest will be at 1 p.m. Aug. 19 in rooms F1-8, on the first floor of the convention center. Application forms are due in the Concert Band or Exhibition Concert Band class by May 31.

Participating groups in both contests will march in the National Convention Parade on Aug. 20.

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The 2017 Convention Marketing Opportunities package is available online, with exhibitor and sponsorship information for companies wishing to reach the American Legion Family during its largest annual gathering.

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During the 70th annual reunion of the 12th Armored Division Assocation, Richard Keep, a member, interacts with other reunion attendees following a ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. Photo by Eric Kruszewski

HONOR & REMEMBRANCE

12th Armored Division still going strong, 70 years after disbanding

More than 70 years after the 12th Armored Division was disbanded, its veterans and supporters continue to honor and remember their comrades.

Ed Dietsch, a member of American Legion Post 123 in Berlin, Md., thinks of one battle buddy in particular – Alberto Garcia Gil, nicknamed Cookie – during the group's reunions.

"I had my hand on his back," Dietsch recalls. "I was trying to push him down, but he raised himself up. I said, 'Down, Cookie.' He went down awfully hard and I heard a thud. A sniper had killed him. Everyone in the outfit liked Cookie."

Dietsch was among the 18 members of the 12th Armored Division, and more than 200 family members and friends, who remembered Cookie and others during last year's 70th annual reunion in Arlington, Va. This summer they will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the division's formation.

In addition to remembering their comrades, members of the 12th will share the unit's brief but impressive history.

The 12th Armored Division is known by its nickname, the Hellcats, which conveys its toughness in combat. The division captured more than 72,000 enemy soldiers while liberating 8,500 Allied prisoners of war and tens of thousands of Holocaust survivors. In the division's 102 days of combat, the 12th lost more than 900 men.

Dietsch, who was a medic, recalls discovering Holocaust victims. His memories remain vivid to this day: the stench of burning flesh, the massive wooden gates leading to the iron doors of the oven and the bodies piled up inside.

"It was horrible," he says. "There were a lot of bodies lying up against stone walls. But some of them were not dead. They needed deeper medical treatment and medications to bring them around. We did the best we could do; anything I could do with first aid, I did it. We got them back to field hospitals where they gave them more treatment to try to build their health back up.

"You don't forget about that too easily. I've had some sleepless nights thinking about it."

Over the years, the members of the 12th have forged a special comradery that's now shared by their families, says historian Bob Scherer, whose father, Lt. Walter Scherer, served with the 12th.

"My dad would talk about friends he didn't want to forget," Scherer says. "It's painful, but the pain gets duller. It's kind of like when you lose a loved one. It gets duller, but it's still there. It's critical to their sense of self. They know that without these guys, they wouldn't be who they were."

Each year, on the first full day of the reunion, veterans and supporters participate in a private memorial service. Representatives from various units of the 12th Division read names of those who passed away since the previous reunion, then place a rose in a vase in front of their unit's plaque.

"The memorial is a way to honor the Hellcats and Hellkittens (veterans' spouses)," says Wesley Ferguson, who served with the 12th. "I knew some whose names were read last year. I've lost some real good friends."

– Henry Howard

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Consider ahead of time what's best for your estate should you die or become incapacitated, to minimize the headache and the heartache. Here are five moves to consider:

■ **Square away beneficiary designations.** I've worked with people who inadvertently had their ex-spouse listed as a beneficiary on IRAs, life insurance or the like. I've even had cases where the ex-spouse was a joint owner on investment accounts. If that's your intent, fine, but in most cases it probably isn't. Examine all your accounts and employer benefits to ensure you've named the correct person.

■ **Include the right people in your plan.** Whether you're naming an agent to make decisions for you in the event you can't, selecting an executor or successor trustee to manage things when you're gone, or choosing who will take care of your kids, go with the A team to make sure it's done correctly. And remember: the A team 10 years ago may not be the A team today.

■ **Establish a game plan.** Your wishes don't instantly translate into action. To make things happen after you're gone, you will need to establish wills, trusts, powers of attorney (both medical and financial), and a letter of instruction detailing your wishes and providing what your key players need to know when the time comes. A qualified estate-planning attorney can help you assemble the plan.

■ **Update your plan.** When I started in this business in the early 1990s, the estate tax kicked in at $600,000. That has since changed, so if the plan you're using today was drawn up in accord with that rule, you could face unintended consequences. In the same vein, financial institutions may be less likely to recognize a 25-year-old power of attorney than one drawn up a couple of years ago.

■ **Review your insurance.** Life, disability, long-term care and health insurance all have direct or indirect effects on your estate planning. Have you asked yourself if the policy you bought 30 years ago makes sense today? If you haven't, it's time.

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EDUCATION

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Q: *I qualify for Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits and am enrolled at a private university, for which there is a yearly tuition cap. Will I still receive my monthly housing allowance?*

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CENTENNIAL

Post 72, Anaheim, Calif.

Post 72 in Anaheim, Calif., has a display case full of mementos from its participation in local parades, some dating back to the post's founding in 1919. Among them is an early photo of the post's entry in Anaheim's first Armistice Day Parade on Nov. 11, 1920.

Post Commander Paul Deis says he is working on cataloging Post 72's many trophies and certificates prior to The American Legion's centennial, which begins in August 2018.

SHARE YOUR POST'S LEGACY
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www.legion.org/centennial

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Florida	94,288
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New York	50,824
South Carolina	50,426
Hawaii	49,347
Maryland	49,187

Source: *Governing* magazine

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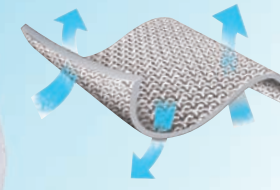

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Include the branch of service and complete name of the group, no abbreviations, with your request. The listing also should include the reunion dates and city, along with a contact name, telephone number and e-mail address. Listings are publicized free of charge.

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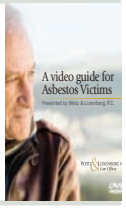

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WHAT DO YOU CALL a wandering caveman? A meanderthal.

A COUPLE were discussing a fellow parent they knew.

"Isn't it surprising that she can never see any faults in her children?" the mother asked.

"Mothers never can," the father replied.

"What a silly thing to say. I'm sure I could see faults in our children, if they had any."

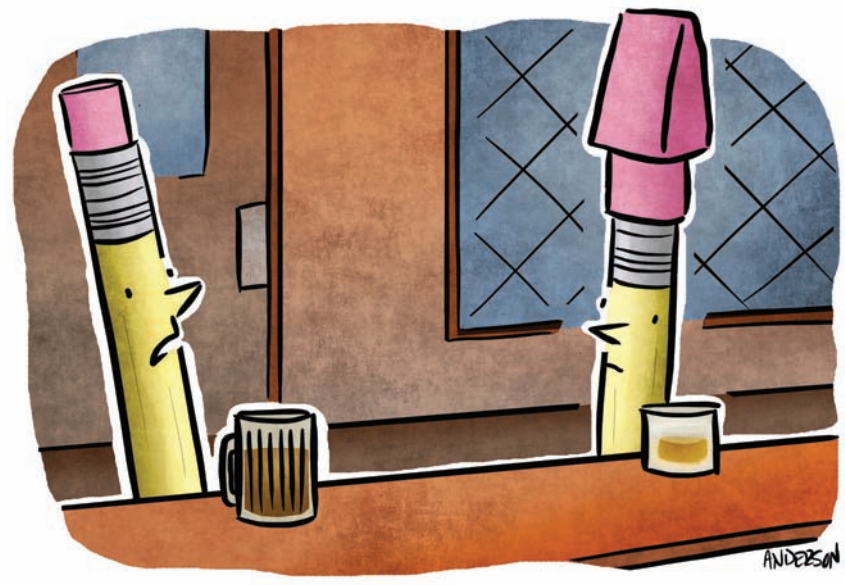
A PASTOR was famous for his sermons lasting exactly 22 minutes. Then, one unfortunate Sunday, the sermon went on for 45 minutes.

At dinner, his wife asked what had gone wrong.

"It was just one of those things," the pastor replied moodily. "My trick is to slide a cough drop under my tongue just before I start the sermon. It always melts in exactly 22 minutes, and that way I know when it's time to stop. This morning I was 40 minutes in before I realized my cough drop was a suspender button."

A BABY SARDINE saw its first submarine and went swimming in terror to its mother.

"Don't be frightened," she reassured him. "It's only a can of people."



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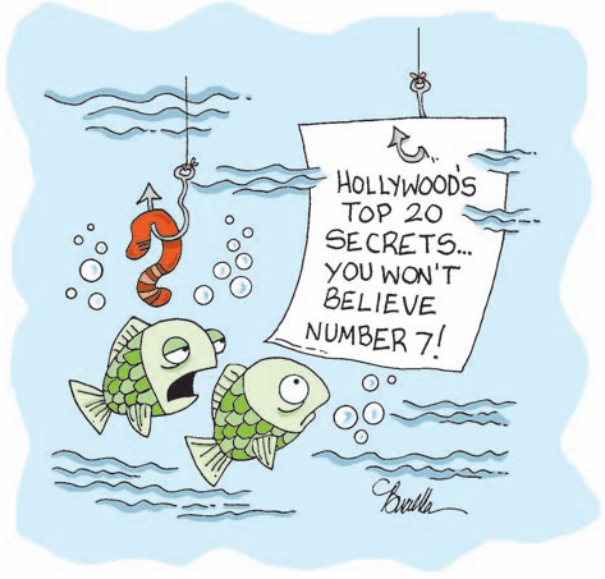

"Click bait."

LATE ONE NIGHT, a preacher was driving on a country road and had a wreck. A farmer stopped and said, "Sir, are you OK?"

The preacher said, "Yes, I'm fine. I had the Lord riding with me."

The farmer said, "Well, you better let Him ride with me, because you're gonna kill Him."

AN IRATE VISITOR stalked up to a beekeeper and said, "One of your bees just stung me, and I want you to do something about it."

"Certainly," the beekeeper replied soothingly. "Just show me which bee it was, and I'll have it punished."

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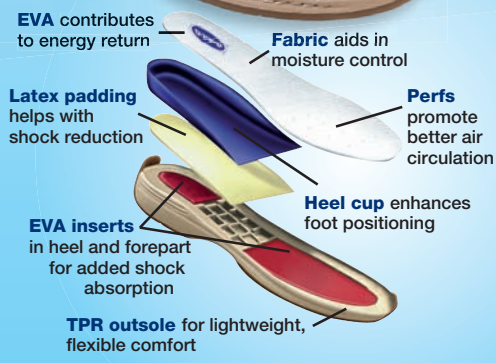

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